

Emergency Resolution

WWF Support for Continued support of the EE Consultant for the WI Department of Public Instruction

Whereas, past and current environmental educators and statewide conservation organizations have been strong supporters of the position within the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for a statewide Environmental Education (EE) Consultant; and

Whereas, the EE Consultant position was recently filled after a long vacancy and has in a short amount of time served a great role in coordinating individuals, groups and organizations statewide to incorporate EE in a variety of ways. This is critical in keeping our state educated about the environment so that every citizen can have a connection to the outdoors and make informed decisions about our Wisconsin natural resources; and

Whereas, the proposed Wisconsin State Budget proposed to eliminate the Environmental Education Consultant position, which will hurt the recent efforts of this position to lead environmental education on a statewide basis, both in a formal and non-formal teaching classroom; and

Whereas, the EE Consultant position is important to our school children and environmental educators throughout the state and it is unfair to cut this much need position; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on April 8-10th, 2011 does strongly support keeping the Consultant position for Environmental Education within the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction intact.

Now therefore it be further resolved that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Submitted by:

Ruth Ann Lee, Chair of the WWF Education Committee